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Bani-Sadr reported ousted as Iran's armed forces head

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Nicosia, Cyprus—Iranian revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini dismissed President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr yesterday as commander-in-chief of Iran's armed forces, the official Iranian news agency Pars reported.

Mr. Bani-Sadr has been locked in a power struggle with clergy-backed Prime Minister Mohammad Ali Rajai, and Iran has been involved in a war for eight months with its Persian Gulf neighbor Iraq.

The dismissal order, as carried by Pars, read:

"Dr. Sayyed Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, the president, is dismissed from the post of

the commander-in-chief of the armed forces.

"Signed: Ruhollah al-Musavi al-Khomeini."

Earlier, a revolutionary Islamic court sentenced former Deputy Prime Minister Abbas Amir Entezam to life imprisonment, also according to the Pars news agency.

Mr. Entezam, 47, charged with having collaborated with the United States and the CIA, was Deputy Prime Minister in Iran's first post-revolutionary government headed by former Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan which resigned a few days after Muslim students occupied the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.